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Announcing Wisconsin Medicaid's companion document for the HIPAA-compliant 834 Benefit Enrollment and Maintenance transaction

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our Web site at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/.

The Wisconsin Medicaid companion document for the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)-compliant 834 Benefit Enrollment and Maintenance transaction is now available from Wisconsin Medicaid. This companion document provides information for interpreting the 834 Benefit Enrollment and Maintenance transaction received from Wisconsin Medicaid.

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The Wisconsin Medicaid companion document for the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)-compliant 834 Benefit Enrollment and Maintenance transaction, commonly referred to as the 834, is now available from Wisconsin Medicaid.

Companion documents provide Wisconsin Medicaid-specific information that should be used with the national HIPAA Implementation Guides. Implementation Guides define the electronic format and values for each data element within an electronic transaction. This companion document provides information for interpreting the 834 received from Wisconsin Medicaid. The 834 is the format standard for notification of an enrollment or disenrollment

from a health plan, such as a managed care program. Providers will be notified of the implementation of the 834 transaction.

Obtaining information

Companion documents are available on the Wisconsin Medicaid Web site at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/. For paper copies of companion documents, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883.

Implementation Guides may be downloaded from Washington Publishing Company at www.wpc-edi.com/hipaa/HIPAA_40.asp. To obtain the CD-ROM version, call Washington Publishing Company at (800) 972-4334.